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Koehler competes at IFSS World Championships

Carnarvon resident Karen Koehler, far right, drives to a seventh place finish for Canada in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at Haliburton Forest. Koehler, who also earned a seventh in the skijoring two dog, 13th in the combined women and 19th skijoring women one dog elite, completed the pulka course of 12.26 kilometres in a time of 39:53, edging out compatriot Susannah Kelly, left. More on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

Council ponders role of warden, considers change

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

County councillors briefly discussed making changes to the role of county warden during a Jan. 25 meeting and will have a more in-depth conversation on the subject in March.

As she chaired her final meeting as war-

den for 2016 in November, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt tabled a report suggesting that during the final two years of the current term, council at least have a conversation about potential changes to the framework of council itself, in particular the role of warden.

County council consists of the reeve and deputy-reeve of each of the four lower-tier townships of Haliburton County.

Council decides who will be warden – the head of county council – from among its own membership each year and traditionally, there has been some rotation between the four lower-tier townships.

Since the job of county warden is, more and more, to liaise with other levels of government, Moffatt asked colleagues to consider a number of suggested changes

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HHHS gets funding boost

JENN WATT

Editor

Local health care representatives, politicians and community members came to the Haliburton hospital on Thursday, Jan. 26 to hear about a funding announcement from the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

CE LHIN board member Marg Risk told the assembled group that \$2,663,920 was being invested into health services in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"The LHIN's ability to provide financial support for initiatives that are supporting local residents to live healthier at home is directly attributable to the government of Ontario," Risk said in her speech. The money is "to support improved access to care and to help reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on," she said.

Broken down between health-care facilities, this announcement means \$88,400 for Haliburton Highlands Health Services "to support population growth and changing health-care needs" (with CKL's Ross Memorial Hospital receiving \$938,200). This increase is to the hospitals' base funding.

HHHS will also receive \$125,000 to meet specific emergency department wait-time reduction targets (CKL's Ross

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New deputy fire chief chosen by Dysart

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 23 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The municipality has chosen Dan Chumbley to fulfill the role of deputy fire chief of the Dysart fire department, beginning immediately.

Chumbley will fill the role previously had by Don Stephenson, who retired from the position.

A volunteer firefighter for the past 17 years, Chumbley, 41, was born and raised in Haliburton County.

He applied for the position due to his love for the department.

"There's something new to learn all the time," he said. "The group work, the teamwork, I find it very enjoyable."

During his time as a volunteer firefighter, Chumbley has completed more than 20 fire related courses.

He said many people don't realize all the things firefighters do, which include responding to medical calls, ice and water rescue, motor vehicle accidents and yes, even rescuing cats stuck in trees.

"You don't know what's going to happen," said Chumbley.

He has already begun working with fire chief Mike Iles, whom he said has lots of new ideas.

"He's really tackling the job with enthusiasm," he said.



Dan Chumbley is the new deputy fire chief for Dysart et al. From Haliburton, Chumbley has been a volunteer firefighter for the past 17 years. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Parking meter debate

A discussion was had by councillors on when to uncover the downtown parking meters following the Christmas holidays.

The meters, which line Highland Street and part of Maple Avenue, are typically covered up prior to Remembrance Day each year to encourage local shopping at Christmastime.

In the past the meters have been uncovered by the middle of January, however this year the weather and large snowbanks have kept the meters covered longer, to prevent a risky situation for those trying to get to them.

The meters are covered up by the Haliburton Business Improvement Area, with no official start or end date declared by council.

Councillors decided the end date would be weather dependent.

First-past-the-post continues

In gearing up for the 2018 municipal election, councillors had a debate over whether to incorporate the ranked ballot system or continue with first-past-the-post.

Next year's election will mark the first time a municipality can use ranked ballots, which lets voters give candidates a ranking in order of their preference.

Ranked ballots cannot be used for school board elections.

Clerk Cheryl Coulson recommended the municipality continue using the system it has in the past, adding a ranked ballot would be more costly.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said he could see why a ranked ballot system would be beneficial in an urban area, where there are more candidates to choose from, however here there are typically only two candidates in a race.

Council agreed to continue with the status quo.

County council folds physician recruitment committee

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is folding the Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment and Retention Committee, replacing it with a committee with a new function.

County councillors made that decision during a Jan. 25 meeting.

Members of council met with doctors from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team in October to discuss the role of the committee, which has existed for several years.

"It really became clear in those conversations that the doctors felt the success they've had has come from the resident and locum programs," county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said during Wednesday's meeting, adding the doctors felt the committee should serve more of a support role, helping to introduce visiting medical students and doctors to the community, in

hopes of them staying permanently.

"It's such a dramatically different role that had been envisioned in the past," Rutter said.

It was his recommendation that since the role of the county committee would no longer be directly in recruitment, that the committee fold and terms of reference be drawn up for a new committee.

"I had used the term 'party planners,' which is a very loose term," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "That's what this group is meant to be."

The family health team will continue with doctor recruitment. With some retirements on the horizon, it's expected that four to five new physicians will be required in the community in the next few years.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which operates the hospitals in Minden and Haliburton, is now also involved directly in doctor recruitment, seeking physicians for its emergency rooms.

The county will continue to provide funding for financial incentives for physicians who agree to practise in the area for a term of four years.

Rutter is recommending \$100,000 be budgeted for that purpose in 2017, that amount increasing to \$125,000 for 2018 and succeeding years.

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MPP welcomes additional dollars for HHHS

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Memorial will receive \$1.04 million). This money is from the “pay for results” program.

There were also community investments. HHHS will receive \$34,862 and Canadian Mental Health Association \$79,721 for supporting “integrated systems of care” and improving access for patients; \$7,317 for assisted living; and Extendicare Haliburton will receive \$26,325 for behavioural supports initiatives, which provides training to staff.

“We’re in the midst of evolving as a rural health hub and these funds will help to ensure a strong and sustainable foundation is in place for us to continue working collaboratively with our community partners to improve access to critical health services,” said HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, “to enhance the provision of existing services so they are provided in a more seamless way and to ensure that we’re able to continue to provide the best possible high quality service and care to our patients and our residents and our clients for years to come.”

MPP Laurie Scott said she was happy to see the extra dollars coming to HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital.

“We have all been fighting for increased health care and especially up in Haliburton Highlands we have certainly some different needs.

“Geography is not our best friend at times and the access to front line health care is very, very important,” she said.

She thanked nurses and the HHHS



Central East Local Health Integration Network board member Marg Risk announced new funding on Jan. 26 at the Haliburton hospital. The LHIN announced more than \$2 million in additional funding for HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital and other health-care providers. JENN WATT Staff

Foundation for their work and the LHIN.

“I’m always a very strong advocate for health care, especially in our rural areas, so I want to thank the LHIN for listening to us, for recognizing the needs we have. And we’re not done yet, but we really appreciate the funding announcement.”

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey thanked Risk for the announcement, noting that beds in acute care were being taken up by potential long-term care patients.

He hoped that increased funding would mean more people could stay in

their homes longer, rather than coming to the hospital.

The increased dollars reflect an announcement from the province that public hospitals receive at least a two per cent increase to base funding this year.

Policy on medically assisted death being drafted by HHHS

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board on Jan. 26.

Chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon told the board that the medical advisory committee was looking at the issue of medically assisted death, which was made legal last summer by the federal government.

Karl Hartwick has been reviewing ethics guidelines including those of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to assist in drafting a policy for HHHS.

“Moving forward we’re going to form a small sub-committee of clinicians who are involved in long-term care, palliative care, primary care to formulate a final policy for our facility to have,” Gammon told the board.

She said following a survey, they found there is support for local physicians being “assessors” in the process, however, HHHS would not be providing this service in the near future.

Gammon pointed out that there may be patients who ask for assisted death at home or in the long-term care homes and that HHHS should have a policy in place.

HHHS still in the black

Finance committee representative David Gray told the board that he anticipates the third quarter financials will continue to remain “in positive territory.”

At the last board meeting, he said there was a small surplus of just more than \$26,000 from the first half of the fiscal year.

He said sick time, staffing and utilities

continue to be pressures for the corporation.

Chairman Dave Bonham said the news wasn’t just good – it was great – and thanked Gray and the HHHS staff for their work.

Physicians support midwives

Following a presentation by local midwife Rebecca Weeks, the physicians at the medical advisory committee decided to draft a letter supporting Weeks’s request for courtesy privileges.

Weeks had been speaking to the doctors specifically about Rhogam, an injection given to pregnant women during pregnancy or postpartum.

“The physicians felt strongly that we supported the midwives having courtesy privileges at our facility which would basically allow them to order that simple procedure for their patients preventing them travelling hours during pregnancy or with their babies,” Dr. Kristy Gammon said. The letter will be given to the midwives to forward to the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

Better communication needed: Coulson

Chairman of the community advisory committee Dave Coulson told the board that he would like to see better communication with the public.

“People in this community don’t know where to go for their health care,” he said. “They don’t know who to call and they don’t know what number to call.”

Coulson said despite widespread agreement that there needs to be better

communication, little has been done.

He was assured by the CEO and board chairman that the issue is on the agenda.

ALC still an issue

CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board that HHHS still has alternative level of care (ALC) patients in acute care beds.

“We do continue to experience challenges ... with individuals in our inpatient unit who are awaiting placement in other levels of care, primarily long-term care,” she said.

She said HHHS is working with the LHIN and CCAC to find strategies to avoid this scenario. In the meantime, the hospital is providing services to those awaiting other placements including “activation,” or activities that keep the mind and body healthy. These are typically not provided to acute care patients, but is normal for long-term care residents to receive.

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Moving forward we’re going to form a small subcommittee of clinicians who are involved in long-term care, palliative care, primary care to formulate a final policy for our facility to have.

— Dr. Kristy Gammon
on a medically assisted death policy
at HHHS

Jones no longer with the county

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones is no longer with the municipality.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told the paper Jones’s last day with the county was Jan. 9 and would not comment on the nature of Jones’s departure.

“I really can’t comment on HR issues,” Rutter said.

Rutter was asked whether Jones had a new position somewhere else.

“I don’t know,” he said.

The county will likely begin a recruitment process for a replacement within the next week, Rutter said, a process that will likely take two to three months to complete.

In the meantime, paramedic deputy-chief Jim Young is taking on most of the chief’s role. Rutter said a number of staff members are helping chip in.

Jones was hired in early 2014, replacing longtime EMS director Pat Kennedy.

Walker to retire after two decades with HHHS Foundation

JENN WATT

Editor

Dale Walker had little fundraising experience when she became chairwoman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board two decades ago. She'd organized some political and charity dinners, but had never mounted a multi-million-dollar campaign.

But that's what was being asked of the community in order to build two new health-care facilities in Minden and Haliburton and Walker believed in the cause.

"In 1996, when the hospital was looking at expansion, I talked to Foster Loucks, who was the CEO at the time, and I talked to Hugh Nichol, who was involved in it and said I'd like to help in some way," she recalls. "I was just looking for some place in the community as a volunteer. As we got going, I realized it was quite a challenge."

The people of Haliburton County were being asked to raise about \$6 million.

While major funding came from the province and federal government, the community had to commit to what seemed like an overwhelming sum. The HHHSF board members thought it might take them five years to raise the money. It ended up taking longer, but for the wider community's efforts (and that of then-MPP Chris Hodgson), the two villages have the facilities still in use today.

Since that time, the Foundation has mounted many more campaigns with a total of \$13 million raised over the years.

Last week, after 20 years with the Foundation – 18 of them as executive



After 18 years at the helm of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (and two years on the board before that), executive director Dale Walker announced her retirement on Jan. 26. Walker has raised millions of dollars for various hospital projects, including the recent palliative care wing. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

director – Walker is retiring, or, as she says "rewiring."

"I'm not going anywhere. I'm going to be in the community," Walker says.

She and her husband Jerry own the Home Hardware in Haliburton Village;

the business is relocating, which is in the planning stages. Walker says she'll be spending more time on the store and giving herself time to relax with motorcycle trips, time at the cottage and gardening on the horizon.

Her last day at HHHS Foundation will be June 1.

"Dale, over the years, has always displayed the ultimate professionalism in her approach to the Foundation's business and the uncanny ability to deal with each and every potential donor on a very personal one-on-one basis," board chairman Peter Oyler said in a press release.

"It is this approach that has earned her the respect and the trust of the different commercial, industrial and residential sectors of Haliburton County. Dale will definitely be missed and it will be difficult to find an individual with her credentials to fill the position."

Walker credits the Foundation's incredible success over the years to the

right people in the right places at the right time, who built up a reputation that the community could trust. The list of those who have been part of the Foundation is long and prestigious.

"The biggest thing for the board members and myself is the trust that the community puts in you to raise money and take their hard-earned money and invest it wisely in the hospital," Walker says.

She may be retiring from the Foundation in June, but Walker is busy right now. Coming off the most successful Christmas campaign of the organization's history (with more than \$100,000 raised), she has shifted her attention to the Cash for Care lottery and planning events such as the golf tournament and radiothon.

HHHSF just announced they've surpassed \$1 million for the palliative care suite and are in the midst of paying for bone densitometry equipment.

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Almost there

Health-care supporters are all smiles at the news that more than \$1 million has been raised for the Making Moments Matter campaign, which is for the new palliative care centre, under construction (behind). To date \$1.063 million has been raised of the \$1.25 million goal. More than \$100,000 was donated in the Believe in the Magic of Giving Christmas campaign, which went towards the palliative suite. HHHSF executive director Dale Walker said only \$187,000 is still needed to reach the target. From left, HHHSF board director Dave Coulson, HHHS board chairman Dave Bonham, Walker and Don Popple, HHHSF board director and Making Moments Matter campaign co-chair. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Highlands East council considers small tax increase

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Highlands East residents should prepare for a tax increase of approximately 2.4 per cent for 2017.

Councillors for the township discussed the draft budget during a Jan. 23 meeting, a budget council expects to pass at its next meeting.

Many township residents experienced large assessment increases in a new round of appraisals from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation in 2016.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said she was particularly worried about how this increased assessment might affect waterfront property owners.

"Even though their houses may be crumbling down around them," Partridge said. "That's my concern."

The budget contains \$10.1 million in spending, including just more than \$1 million for general government; \$2.7 million for protective services, which includes the fire department as well as policing costs; \$2.5 million for transportation services, which includes roads maintenance; \$2.5 million for environmental services; \$73,000 for health services; \$1 million for culture and recreation services; and about \$180,000 for planning and development.

Highlands East's OPP bill will increase by more than \$156,000 in 2017, from just less than \$900,000 to more than \$1,056,000. However, the township will use about \$240,000 in equalization payments it is receiving through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to offset the increase in policing costs.

This is the third year of the five-year phase-in of a new OPP billing model that redistributes total OPP costs throughout the province on a per household basis. Because seasonal residences are weighted equally with year-round ones, cottaging communities are getting hit hard by the formula. The collective OPP bill for Haliburton County's four lower-tier township will double from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million during the phase-in.

For a house assessed at \$150,000 the tax increase will increase property taxes by \$15.90 for the year, up to \$676.20 from \$660.30. Council intends to pass the 2017 budget at its next meeting.

Former library rezoned for outfitter

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 23 meeting of Highlands East council.

The building once home to the Wilberforce library has been rezoned from institutional use to general commercial two exception (GC2-2) for the purposes of housing a "recreational outfitter" type business, specializing in tours, hikes, camping, canoeing, etc.

The building, located at 2307 Loop Rd., is on municipal property and was previously declared surplus land by Highlands East council.

It was used as the library until the summer of 2014 when the new library on Holmes Road was opened.

Meeting day changing in March

Highlands East council meetings will take place Wednesdays instead of Mondays, effective in March.

"I have not received any comments or concerns," clerk Irene Cook told councillors.

While council meetings in the township have taken place the second Monday of the month, a new schedule that will begin in March will see them held on the first Wednesday.

While the March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, thereafter, meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each month, with the option of a second meeting on the third Wednesday of most months.

Council's February meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13.

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What can we do?

THOSE OF US WHO treasure multiculturalism and open borders and feel a responsibility to welcome others fleeing repression and violence into our country could only watch in horror over the weekend at the situation in the United States.

Refugees and lawful immigrants from five Muslim-majority countries were detained as they arrived at American airports triggering mass protest and a swift response from the American Civil Liberties Union, which won an emergency stay on deportations of innocent people.

The stay was needed not only because the detainees had done nothing wrong and had gone through months of paperwork and vetting, but also because many of them could face cruelty, torture or death upon returning to their countries. Two of the men who were detained were Iraqis who worked for a decade with U.S. Forces – not a popular position to be in if confronted by rebel groups back home.

Saturday night was a roller coaster of emotion as the detainments made the news, followed by live streams of protests at major airports and then, incredibly, the court injunction.

In all of this – not just the Syrian refugee ban, but also the multitude of quick and frightening executive orders coming from America's new president – the question keeps begging to be

asked: what can we do?

As Canadians we are outside the fray to a certain extent. We have no vote and no direct voice in what happens south of us, but we can make our opinions known and there is an important local component.

First, we can use our dollars. We can donate to causes that are important to us. Foreign aid groups about to lose funding; environmental groups that are fighting climate change; the ACLU; American newspapers that could use subscription dollars. Choose the group that aligns with your values.

Second, we can stand in solidarity – as we saw women from the Highlands do last week during the Women's March in Toronto (and in America). Though we are Canadians, it likely brings comfort to those in the States

to see support north of the border.

And third, we can keep our eye on our own political system. Watch what our representatives are doing and saying on our behalf. Ask that our local MP supports immigration and refugees. Pay attention to who the NDP and Conservatives choose to lead their parties in the coming year.

The Americans are suffering the consequences of apathy and weak voter turnout. Let their example motivate us to be more proactive, engaged and aware.



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Editorial



Lonely figure on Pine Lake

by Darren Lum

Volunteer leaders

AS WE PLAN for our Haliburton Village BIA annual general meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1, it is so important to thank the volunteers that serve on the board of management. These volunteers truly exemplify the adage that if you want something done "ask a busy person." They manage their own businesses and volunteer their time after hours, to plan and execute events and promotions, for their fellow BIA members. To witness their energy and passion for the success of all businesses is truly remarkable. These volunteers work tirelessly for the success of all BIA member businesses. To honour their time and efforts, each board of management volunteer will be featured after the annual general meeting.

Why do we have an annual general meeting? The BIA is a not-for-profit organization that exists to promote the businesses within a defined geographic area. Consequently, it is vitally important that all member businesses have an opportunity to provide their comments and insights, and review the financial statements presented. Also, during this annual general meeting the volunteer board of management is elected for the coming year.

Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more about the Haliburton Village BIA, and what they do for our community. The BIA is always look-

ing for feedback on the promotions and events that they sponsor, and if you cannot make the meeting but would like to share your thoughts, please email them to haliburtonbia@mail.com.

There are several upcoming Haliburton Village BIA events to let you know about. On Feb. 14, we celebrate Valentine's Day. Please be sure to book your restaurant reservations well in advance. The Haliburton Village BIA provides Super Shopper advice to anyone wondering what to get their special loved one ... just reach out via email haliburtonbia@mail.com and a Super Shopper will contact you to help you find the perfect gift.

And before we have a chance to chat again, we will celebrate the Frost Festival on the Family Day weekend in February. Please mark Feb. 18 on your calendars to bring the whole family to this fun-filled day of activities. Much thanks to

Andrea Mueller for her leadership in organizing the many events and volunteers for the Frost Festival. Let's all hope that Mother Nature doesn't put us in the deep freeze this year!

Once again, please join us on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Dysart et al council chambers for the Haliburton Village BIA annual general meeting.

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points of view

My wild wild weekend

I SUSPECT THOSE WHO KNOW ME would probably describe me as a wild man. You know the type: the kind of person who will change course recklessly and go off on a dangerous tangent at the drop of a hat, just to see people react and pay attention so he can feel something – basically, anything – stir inside his cold and lifeless soul. Oh wait, that's my description of Trump.

I'm more like the kind of guy who just enjoys getting a little crazy on the weekends. This weekend, however, I took that to a new level. Better yet, I took Jenn along for the ride.

My weekend went into overdrive almost immediately with me tying, not one, but two dozen flies on Saturday morning.

I suppose most folks are already well aware of the reputation we fly tyers have as thrill seekers, but let me just say, I took this to a whole new level. I started off by tying a dozen pheasant tail nymphs in the classic style and then tied the second dozen with hot orange thoraxes!

Oh snap!

Even Jenn recognized that I was walking the knife's edge.

When I told her what I had done, she looked up from her book momentarily and said, "You are a wild man."

But, believe it or not, I wasn't through shaking things up yet.

You see, normally Jenn and I follow a very strict but fairly exciting routine on Saturdays. We go to the dump in the early afternoon and then go grocery shopping shortly afterwards.

Exciting as that is, I thought, "Why not really rock her world? Why not add a whole new level of excitement to the weekend?"

So, in a fit of mad spontaneity, I proclaimed, "You know what? Let's forget going to the dump today. We'll go tomorrow!"

Honestly, I've never blown anyone's mind before, so I'm not 100 per

cent certain that rolling your eyeballs is an indicator that this is happening. But since Jenn did that right after I made the suggestion, I'm guessing that's probably the case.

Shortly thereafter, Jenn and I went to the grocery store as always and then – get this – we completely avoided the landfill. I think it's fair to say the excitement was palpable. Even now, I get the chills thinking about it.

On the drive home, I looked at her, smiled and said, "I guess, no one can ever call us boring, huh?"

Again, her optical response probably indicated that I had just blown her mind.

That was Saturday.

If you can believe it, Sunday was even more exciting. I read the *Washington Post* and she read various magazines after breakfast and then – and you can be forgiven if you can't wrap your mind around this – I tied two dozen gold-ribbed hare's ear nymphs, possibly the most classic nymph fly pattern going.

In case you're not keeping track, that's the second two-four that weekend.

When I showed them to Jenn, she tried to be cool but, believe me, her "how about that?" betrayed the excitement that she must have felt.

Let's face it; we're talking four dozen flies in a weekend. And, as if that was not enough, we then gathered our recyclables and garbage and went on a dump run. On Sunday!

On the way there, I thought, "OK, let's live even more dangerously."

So, as we got to the landfill gatehouse, I flashed my landfill card rather than held it still for the attendant to read.

That stunt got us through the front gate but don't think I wasn't feeling a little guilty as we disposed of our waste and recycling. But who had time? Excitement was in the air as we noticed that not one of the people we normally see at our routine Saturday dump run time was there. Better yet, the contents of the bins seemed a little more exciting. I've never seen so much corrugated cardboard on a Saturday.

Soon after, we drove home again, each of us showing our exhilaration in our own way: me by singing "A Whole New World!" from Disney's 1992 classic *Aladdin*, Jenn by rolling her eyeballs.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo was taken in the early 1960s and brought in to the *Echo* by Bill Archer. Front row from left, Karl Consack, John Parish, Tom Inglis, Lockey Little, Bryan Robertson, Lewis Dummit, Danny Carpenter, Larry Litt, Unknown. Back row from left, Mark Schell (coach), Gary Bailey, Gordon Scheffee, Dennis Casey, Keith Cowen, Lee Stamp, Roger Scheffee, Paul Wilson, Rocky Roberts and Unknown.

letters to the editor

Trip down memory lane

To the Editor,

Re: Pic of the Past, Haliburton Echo, Jan. 17

I saw the letter to the editor from Maureen O'Hara naming as many names as she could. I am in the back row and beside Mrs. Dart: Susan Walling then! My last name is a bit longer now. But I am able to fill in a few question marks that Maureen did not recognize. So here goes my name selections to fill in a few of the questions.

Back row: Ruby Madill is first and Ruth Madill is on the other end of the same row. Fourth little girl in the back row right beside me is Trudy Robertson. Little girl second on the other end beside

Ruth Madill is I believe Wendy Wood.

Second row: the little girl that is third one in is Cindy Tripp.

Front row: Like Maureen I have no idea who that little boy is second from the end on the right-hand side.

But when you consider all of these "children" are celebrating their 60th birthdays this year I say Maureen and I did pretty good at naming them all.

Like Maureen, I too thank you for the trip down memory lane. You know you have made it when you recognize yourself in Pic of the Past.

Susan Baszczyński (Walling)

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Fundraiser to offer a taste of Canada

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Ever wondered what a signature dish from Ontario would be?

Have you travelled the country and enjoyed culinary experiences from coast to coast?

An authentic Canadian experience awaits you at the Across Canada Dinner, being held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre in Gooberham.

A fundraiser for Bark Lake Cultural Developments, the event will feature a dish highlighting every Canadian province.

Event volunteer Linda Code said the menu will feature a mix of true Canadian specialties and some creativity.

"Normally [Bark Lake Cultural Developments] like to do a fundraiser that features a different country around the world," said Code. "This year they were discussing which country they were going to pick ... because it was Canada's 150th birthday, why not do Canada?"

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— Linda Code

Some of the dishes that will be served include mini tourtières, which represent Quebec; Nanaimo bars for British Columbia; various potato varieties representing the Maritime provinces; and for Ontario?

"Butter tarts, because Carol [Simmons] makes the world's best butter tarts," said Code.

There will be some more exotic dishes served as well, including bannock, caribou stew and Arctic char.

Aside from delicious food, the dinner will also feature Canadian characters reprising some historic roles pertinent to Irondale's and Canada's history.

"They'll do a performance that lasts a couple of minutes," said Code. "They'll come in period costume."

There will also be music at the event and a country auction. Guests might even be quizzed on their knowledge of Canada. Decor will feature a red and white theme.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments is a charitable organization that works towards preserving Irondale's history. One of their main initiatives is the upkeep of the Irondale church, which also features a community garden. Funds raised from the dinner will go towards ongoing initiatives, said Code.

"We have a couple of dinners throughout the year and it's all to raise money to support the church, No. 1, and to also try to bring the community together and make the outside community more aware of Irondale," said Code. "We hope people come out and have some fun."

Doors for the event will open at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

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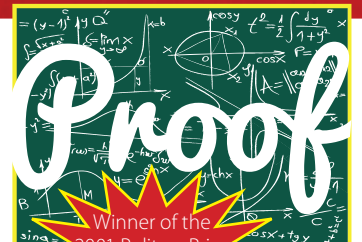
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Meghan Walker, left, and Jessalynn Thompson make tea for each other in the outdoor kitchen.



Winter lovers dig into Hardwater Festival

Above, carver Charlie Andolsek creates a beaver out of ice at the Hardwater Festival on Jan. 28 at the West Guilford Community Centre. Known as Woodchuck, Andolsek has been carving wood and ice for the past 16 years. Middle, Ben Rutter tries his hand at ice climbing. Bottom left, mother-daughter team Renee Phillips, left, and Chloe give ice climbing a try. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Suggestions include two-year term for warden

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to the position.

One was the addition of a ninth position on county council, that being a warden, who is elected by the public and who serves for a full, four-year term and whose concentration is on representing the county outside the community and dealing with other levels of government.

Another suggestion was lengthening the warden's term to two years to achieve more consistency in dealing with projects and external representation, and giving council the ability to extend that two-year term.

"To me, this is the beginning of a discussion of what's legally required," said Minden Hills Reeve and 2017 County Warden Brent Devolin during last week's meeting, agreeing with Moffatt that the role of warden is increasingly about being an advocate for the community outside the community, "The time, the research, the information and the travel that's required to have an oar in the water."

"I don't think we need to have anymore that the warden can distribute lapel pins at his or her discretion," Moffatt said of the changing role. "It's about the bigger picture. I don't see this as being a conversation concluded today at all."

Devolin wondered if it made more sense for a small sub-committee of council, perhaps three councillors, to draw up a report on options, that report to then be discussed by county council at large.

"I believe that we all need to talk about it," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt said that with all due respect, councillors who hadn't sat in the warden's chair didn't have a full understanding of what the job entails.

"It's still a democracy," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "In 2018, you could have seven new people here."

The idea of having a deputy-warden to take of some of the more local duties of the warden was also mentioned. Council will revisit the subject at its March meeting.

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Musings

I READ the other day that we are in "the depth" of winter. Personally, I consider everything from the first snow-fall to the last patch of slush to be "the depth" of

winter, but that may be because I was raised in the desert. In any case, this time of year is perfect for evaluating the successes and failures of last year's garden.

It was an exceptional season for many annuals even though an extra effort was necessary to keep the hanging baskets and pots well watered: the six rain barrels doing an admirable job during the rain-free weeks. I don't water the perennial gardens on principle, relying instead on choosing tough, drought-resistant plants.

The petunia cousin, *Calibrachoa* "Chameleon Sunshine Berry" or million bells, was spectacular in three large pots along the driveway. When combined with the maroon leaves of *Cordylone* "Red Sensation" and the trailing *Ipomoea* "Margarita," we had a living barrier to stop folks from parking on the snapping turtle nests in the driveway.

A newer sweet potato vine (*Ipomoea*) called "Sweet Caroline Light Green," with thin, burgundy edges caught my eye in a recent article. It might look even better with the burgundy/red spikes in the pots. I must make a note to look out for it in the local garden centres this year.

Another success in 2016 was a planting of Kong series coleus and extraordinary, bronze-foliaged angel wing begonias. I have grown both in past years but this was the first time together in the same pot and it was a winning combination. Kissed by sunlight in the early morning and shaded the remainder of the day, the plants grew into a vibrant mound. The plants were purchased at the Country Rose in Haliburton and I plan to get there early this spring so I can double my order.

I wasn't so successful with the annuals planted in the borders and I know it was lack of water. Normally the salvia, dusty miller and cannas do quite well on their own, but last year they

suffered. By the time August rolled around, the salvia was only four inches tall and the dusty miller was, well, dust. The cannas had just enough energy to produce leaves but not a single flower graced any of the plants.

Just goes to show you (I mean me) that annuals do better in pots at my house. Likely because I use *very large* pots and water them regularly. Remember, I did say that I don't water the gardens!

The vegetable area was, on balance, a success. There was not enough rain to leave it on its own, but the occasional watering allowed most things to out-compete the weeds that grow with or without moisture.

Last year I cut down on tomato plants, keeping to my four favourite varieties – Mountain Magic, Carolina Gold, Green Zebra, and the cherry tomato called Sweet Baby Girl. Tomatoes were late but delicious. The only thing missing was a tomato for canning so I am open to any reader suggestions.

The potato crop was out of this world. We enjoyed new potatoes all summer and the ones stored in the cold-room carried us through Christmas dinner. The red-skinned Chieftan is a favourite. Released in 1966 by Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it remains a good producer with resistance to disease. Kennebec and Superior white were the other choices, all three from Agnew's in Wilberforce. I like buying my seed potatoes locally so that I can have a good look at them, rather than relying on mail order.

Finally, I have to mention the major success of the 2016 gardening season – the squash.

The scores of squashes, the multitudes of marrows, the preponderance of pumpkins, the countless cucurbits (botanical family of squash)...you get the drift.

I have made every effort in the six years we have been in Tory Hill to get the squash situation under control and this year I thought I had the solution. Only one mound, with only three seeds – one striped zucchini, one sunburst and one yellow squash plant.

Alas, three plants was two-and-one-half plants too many. We picked from those three leafy producers starting July 15 until roto-tilling in October. More than 100 squashes used in everything from stir-fry to soup, pickles to pasta, barbecue to bagels.

My New Year's resolution is to rationalize the squash patch, if for no other reason than to rid my articles of annoying alliteration.

Local women share stories of participating in the Women's March

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

For Judy Skinner it really came down to the issue of health care.

Born and raised in the United States, Skinner couldn't just sit idly by and watch other women march together on Saturday, Jan. 21 and not make her voice heard. So she decided to take part.

A year-round resident of Haliburton County, Skinner, 71, joined thousands of other women in Naples, Fla., to participate in one of the many marches that took place across North America.

There were a number of reasons why she decided to participate, she said, but the one that pushed her over the top was the current government's plan to change health care in the U.S.A.

"I'm an American but I've lived for so many years in Canada," she said. "I don't think anybody appreciates our health-care system more than I do. Especially in the last year when I went in for open heart surgery, to know that I would be so well taken care of."

Skinner says in the U.S.A., getting diagnosed with a major illness can result in individuals losing their homes. She worries about what health care will look like for Americans in the future, especially for poor and underprivileged women.

"Poor women will die, and that's not an exaggeration, that's a fact," she said.

Other reasons she felt inclined to march include issues around immigration and women's rights.

"I don't think women's health issues should be decided by some fat old white guy in Washington," she said. "Women are very smart, they are very capable of making very smart decisions."

Called the Sisters Walk, the march was held in a park in downtown Naples.

It is estimated that more than three million Americans marched in the United States, equating to one in 100 people.

Skinner was overjoyed when her husband John told her he wanted to join her and was encouraged to see many other husbands, fathers and sons partaking as well.

"As an American I have felt very disturbed over some of the prospective changes to some hard won rights," she told the paper. "For those of us who marched in the 1960s and '70s for women's rights and, again, to end an immoral war, it is very frightening to think we have to take to the streets once more to protest against an administration hostile to the rights of women, minorities and the disenfranchised."

Skinner said participating in the march was a wonderful experience and that the emphasis was on remaining peaceful and respectful.

"It was just an incredible experience," she said. "It was very welcoming ... and I think that's what the feeling was across the country."

Skinner said the signs she saw at the march were both heartwarming and funny, reaching across various concerns from education, LGBTQ rights, marriage equality and so on.

"My favourite was 'I thought we dealt with this s%\$& in the '60s,'" she said. "And it made me laugh and I thought yeah, I thought we did too."

A member of a large family, Skinner has many relatives living in the U.S.A., including many nieces who participated in marches in Washington, Seattle and other locations.

"I am so proud of these wonderful women."

A registered Democrat, Skinner votes in the American elections and was feeling



John and Judy Skinner participated in a Women's March in Naples, Fla., on Saturday, Jan. 21. Haliburton residents, Judy was born in the United States and felt compelled to stand up for women's rights and issues currently facing Americans. Photo submitted

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We were raised to be patriotic and to stand up for our country.

— Judy Skinner

optimistic and joyful the morning of Nov. 8, 2016.

"I woke up on election day so excited and thinking I wish my mom was alive to see the first woman president of the United States. She would be so excited," she said.

Her feelings the night of Nov. 8 were a bit different.

"I cried. I absolutely wept. I could not believe it," she said. "It was like somebody had socked me in the stomach."

Skinner said those that criticize the marchers should remember that they care very much for their country and its citizens.

"We were raised to be patriotic and to stand up for our country. With so many hard won rights currently in jeopardy, we have a duty to stand up."

Haliburton's Wendy Bateman was also unwilling to sit on the sidelines and watch, instead heading to Toronto on Jan. 21 to march with her friend and granddaughter.

She was inspired to march because she believes in equality for all, she said.

Bateman, 79, said this was her first time participating in a large march.

It was through her friend Marilyn Mighton that Bateman decided to partake in a march that began outside Queen's Park and ended at City Hall.

"The three of us marched together ... we had some bright pink scarves on and our hats," said Bateman.

The atmosphere at the march was polite and there was no anger of any kind, she said.

"The highlight for me was this little six-



Haliburton's Wendy Bateman, centre, took part in the Women's March in Toronto on Jan. 21 with granddaughter Dana Jackson, left, and friend Marilyn Mighton. The march began in front of Queen's Park and ended outside city hall. Photo submitted

year-old behind us marching along with her sign that said 'I count too,' it was just adorable," said Bateman.

The Haliburton resident is concerned about what she's seeing south of the border, particularly with the issue of immigration. A member of the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, Bateman said when Trump raised that issue it set the flag off for her.

Going forward, Bateman is hoping the members of the U.S. government will not vote in favour of what Trump is pushing

forward.

"That's my dream," she said.

Skinner hopes the march was only the first step and that women will continue to organize themselves by writing letters to politicians in Washington, outlining their concerns.

"But now we have to stand up," she said. "I hope it's the first rallying cry for the Democrats ... we have to pull ourselves together and get behind the causes that are most important to us and let our voices be heard."


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Enchanted Forest coming to life at Abbey Gardens

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Bringing the Enchanted Forest to life this summer will require discarded items from all over the county to be repurposed for outdoor learning at Abbey Gardens.

The enchanted forest will be half a kilometre southeast of the gardens' hub and on about half an acre. It will have a main trail to five areas; an off-trail art gallery; mud kitchen; a construction area; book nook; and a theatre/meeting space where there will be chests full of props, an area for an audience and stage to perform.

Although this space is being planned and executed by four Haliburton Home School students, ages nine to 13, the project's consultant Brandon Jarvis is offering her experience and guidance.

The early childhood educator will be drawing upon experience from creating a similar outdoor space on her own property.

She wants anything you don't want.

What a person discards, she said, can be repurposed for another function.

She holds up a piece of wood, which used to be a chair.

"Building blocks are really expensive. This was thrown out and no good. All I did was cut it up and sanded it down and put beeswax on it. So, the idea is anything," she said.

Jarvis believes there are many things found at the landfill sites that could be repurposed with the right vision. It's an important concept to grasp for not just adults, but also children.

"It isn't necessarily what you think.

It's not plastic kids' toys. That's not what we're looking for. We're looking for things you might look at and see scrap metal. It's really cool looking. I don't know what it is, but it's cool. I want to see it," she said.

She remembers using an old boat and filling it with sand to create a sandbox for her children.

Imagination is the only limit.

"The kids, they're already there thinking that way, but it's more the adults that have to [struggle] when they look at things and wonder what could it be," she said.

The mother came up with the idea because of her five children, four of her own and one step-daughter, ranging in age from one to 13.

"The inspiration was wanting to get them out and playing. And it's just seeing things being discarded and imagining what it could be," she said.

At her home, her area features a mud pit to settle disputes, mud kitchen and a water lab that allow her children to stir, pour and mix liquids. It uses a variety of repurposed materials such as a convex mirror, glass doors, tires, a skylight and a flat mirror.

All of it is to provide her children the freedom to create and express.

"I want my kids to grow up understanding that creativity ... is huge. It's so important. That's problem solving," she said, referring to how an example with her daughter demonstrated the ability to use a piece of wood multiple ways.

"I'm just so passionate about allowing them to play and to come up with ideas themselves," she said.

She said anything has the potential to be magical in the right context and per-

spective.

Jarvis describes the purpose of the forest as an opportunity to facilitate education, art and play. The benefits don't just start and stop with the children, as it benefits everyone the children come into contact with. The free space allows for physical exercise and a creative outlet.

Even though the forest is not yet completed, the learning has already begun for the students.

In the effort to transfer Jarvis's idea to Abbey Gardens, a few challenges confronted the senior Haliburton Home School students. One of them was the practicality of implementing some ideas such as a treehouse in the sky. Jarvis admired how the students deliberated about addressing concerns they were likely to face by the Gardens' landowners.

"There was a lot of listening to them go through the steps. Very cool," she said.

One of the main parameters for this enchanted forest, Jarvis said, was to keep this space related to the theme of nature, which reflects Abbey Gardens' mandate. For instance, if a chessboard was to be added it could use rocks or the pieces could be created instead of plastic pieces.

The students were amenable to compromise.

"I didn't need to say much to get them to think that way," she said.

The planning started in September and the effort has shifted to collection.

For any item that cannot be collected, Jarvis said, this time of year is ideal to write up pitch letters to send to possible donors. In October, the students made a presentation to Gardens' staff about their

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It's just seeing things being discarded and imagining what it could be.

— Brandon Jarvis

idea and plans, including a walk through of the grounds.

Once the snow melts, Jarvis wants to start with a grand opening tentatively expected this summer. This will be open to everyone.

Jarvis's wishlist includes a diverse range of items to repurpose: wooden furniture like bed frames, chairs, bookcases, tables; building materials such as pipes, light fixtures; scrap materials such as wood and metal; kitchen items like utensils, pots and pans, dishes, table linens; creative art supplies like easels, whiteboards, chalkboards, carving tools and decorative and multi-purpose items such as tree stumps, mirrors, frames, fabric and rope.

"Anything. Anything you see. And I will come and get it," she said.

Contact Brandon Jarvis on her cell-phone at 705-854-1098 or email brandon-boutin@hotmail.com.



Two-year-old Phoebe Stamp goes through feathers before adding them to this colourful lattice.



Phoebe Stamp looks at a mirror in the woods on her property. Her mother Brandon Jarvis, an artist and blogger of rightbrainedmom.com, is acting as a consultant for the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens scheduled to be completed for this summer. The plan will feature a variety of areas for children and adults to explore their creativity. Jarvis, who is using her experience from her own enchanted forest at her home, is asking the public to donate items that could be repurposed for this outdoor education area. Submitted by Brandon Jarvis.

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Highlands residents Maria Perrin and Karen Koehler represented Canada at the 2017 IFSS World Championships at Haliburton Forest. Perrin, a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, is a world championships rookie and competed in the junior skijoring race while Koehler, the championship veteran, competed in various skijoring events.

Above and middle right, the Canadian team were all smiles before the opening ceremonies at the 2017 International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Championships at Haliburton Forest on Monday, Jan. 23. The event was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1. DARREN LUM Staff



Left, race official Jim Cunningham, who provided his expertise in designing the race courses, yells out the time left for the next competitor in the sled sprint unlimited (at least 18 dogs) heat at the 2017 IFSS World Championships. There were close to 260 teams from 11 countries such as the U.S., Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, France, Spain and Switzerland represented.



Race teams needed a large group of people to secure each dog and the sled before the start of each run in the sled sprint unlimited (at least 18 dogs) heat at the 2017 IFSS World Championships at Haliburton Forest on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Some teams approached speeds upwards of 40 kilometres.



Dog races provide economic boon to area businesses

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The 2017 Winter Sleddog World Championship at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve this past week and weekend brought extra dollars to some local businesses.

Businesses throughout the county have seen team members in their operations, whether it be a grocery store, accommodation provider or hardware shop.

Chad Burden of the West Guilford Shopping Centre said he has seen an increase in traffic since the races began and that sales are up by about 10 per cent compared to this time last year.

"It has been busier here," he said. "And I believe it's from that [the dog races]. They're all younger athletes that have come in with their gear on."

Burden said the athletes have been buying one thing in particular in a large quantity: cans of tuna.

"To feed their dogs. Apparently they put it in the water," he said.

He's been happy with the impact and believes many of the race spectators have also stopped into the store.

Walker's Home Hardware owner Jerry Walker said he has also had some athletes from European countries into the store, to buy materials they need for the race. In particular one athlete purchased a small axe.

"They were buying frozen meat and they needed to chop it up for the dogs," he said.

A resident of Kashagawigamog Lake, Walker has also seen teams staying at Bonnie View Inn.

"I've seen them out in the morning walking all the dogs," he said. "I think it's definitely a positive impact."

Hawks lose to Wildcats

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A 40-20 win for the visiting I.E. Weldon Wildcats doesn't take away the effort of the junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team, said coach Gord Cochrane.

Coming in the Wildcats were undefeated, and showed their quality, using their size to their advantage on Monday, Jan. 23 in Haliburton.

Cochrane appreciated how his team played with the odds stacked against them.

"I told the guys they played pretty well. Weldon has two guys much taller than our biggest guy and they were trying to front them – it's something we're working on. They didn't get it done as well as we could have, but overall it was a pretty good game."

With few practices over the winter holidays, followed by five snow days during the next two weeks, the team had greater difficulty with executing than if they had regular practice, he added.

There were still a lot of positives to take away.

"Overall, I'd say it was a good game.

The guys ... really hustled and fight hard on the boards even though they are out-manned because they are shorter," he said.

The physical mismatch was made even more evident early on, as the Hawks' best "big man" Kade Bain wasn't available until the fourth quarter.

"Cade is a real force on the boards," Cochrane said, adding Steve Dudgeon and Coleman Heaven are also strong rebounders. They combined for 10 rebounds, five each. With limited playing, Bain still pulled down six rebounds to lead the team. Austin French led all Hawks scorers with 11 points.

"The guys are working hard and that's all I can ask for. They're improving," he said.

"Most of them work really hard. The ball's on the ground ... they dive right in. They don't hold back. That's the kind of effort we like to see," he said.

Hawks guard Tevin Sullivan suffered a sprain in the second half, running into his teammate. It's unknown if he will miss any games, which resume after the exam break. The team will hold optional practices to stay sharp during the break.

The league playoffs start the week of Feb. 13.



Red Hawks junior player Coleman Heaven jumps for a layup against I.E. Weldon Wildcats defender Jake Wilson in Kawartha West High School Basketball League action on Monday, Jan. 23 in Haliburton. The undefeated Wildcats won 40-20. Heaven finished with five points, five rebounds and led the team with three steals. / DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks senior player Brandon Verstege beats his I.E. Weldon Wildcats opponent Justin Park to a loose ball during Kawartha West High School Basketball League action on Monday, Jan. 23 in Haliburton. Haliburton drops to 3-2 on the season to the undefeated (in Kawartha West) Wildcats. Verstege scored two points in the 62-49 loss./DARREN LUM Staff

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Pond on

Above, the puck sneaks by players from teams Donkey Punch (in yellow and red) and the Orillia Mustangs (white and red) at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Saturday, Jan. 28. The teams from Toronto and Orillia finished with a final score of 18-7 in favour of Donkey Punch. Hundreds of players and volunteers descended on Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre to take part in the event, which continues this weekend. Left, a player from the Born Again Beauties (in red) reaches for the puck in a match against the team known as Cell Block B. The women's teams, which hail from Oshawa and Hamilton, met on the ice at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

The Sturdy Wings (team in black) take on Book Hockey at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Jan. 28, at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Sturdy Wings won by a final score of 23-15. Both teams were from Toronto, and were participating in the event which spans two weekends.

Below, many volunteers helped out this past weekend.

Photos by Angelica Ingram



Skyline bonspiel brings in players from across Ontario

JENN WATT

Editor

They came from London, Sudbury and Oshawa – and Haliburton, too – for the 58th annual Skyline Men's Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club on the weekend of Jan. 20 to 22. Twenty-four teams and 96 players came together to enjoy a treasured weekend of fun and friendship in the Highlands.

On Saturday night, Carl Dixon played a concert well into the morning hours.

The three-day tournament included home hosting this year where those from away could meet local people and make new connections while here.

This coming weekend, the curling club hosts Todd's Independent Mixed Invitational Bonspiel followed by the Highland Lassie Bonspiel March 4.



Haliburton took on Lakefield in the semi-finals on Sunday, Jan. 22 at the Haliburton Curling Club during the Skyline bonspiel. The local team did not advance, but everyone had a great time.



Above, Doug Glass's London team took on Bob Montgomery's Oshawa group at the Skyline Men's Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Far left, from left, Geoff Ainsley, Ron Hamann, Arthur Dawson and David Gray were in the semi-finals of the Skyline bonspiel on Sunday. JENN WATT Staff

minor hockey

Bantam girls face two tough opponents

On Saturday afternoon the Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Jets travelled to Keene to take on the first place Otonabee Wolverines.

Early into the first period, Hannah McMann scored a beautiful five hole goal and was assisted by Kendra Bandy.

Both teams played hard and battled back and forth during the second period which ended with no goals scored for either team.

The third saw similar play as in the second period, with both teams determined and applying pressure. The Wolverines evened the score and then added a second goal on a power play. The Jets pulled their goalie in an effort to score and unfortunately the Wolverines secured the win with a final goal at eight seconds. Good effort for the Jets and Courtney Semach who minded the net resulting in a score of 3-1 in favour of the Wolverines.

Sunday morning saw the Jets hit the road again, this time to Oakwood to face their opponents the Lyndsay Lynx.

Again, the Jets skated and played hard throughout the game, ending in a tie 1-1.

Olivia Martin scored the lone goal for the team. Semach played a strong and consistent game between the pipes.

The team will be hitting the ice to practice for the upcoming playoff/playdown games. The first playdown game will be Feb. 5, in Peterborough against the Ice Kats.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Tykes play busy tourney

On Saturday, Jan. 28 the tyke team split themselves into two teams of seven and played in a three-on-three tournament in Parry Sound. Playing six games each in such a short timeframe allowed every player to demonstrate their spectacular stamina. Each team had five wins and one loss at the end of the tournament. Goaltending was shared among Taylor Mullock, Evan Perrot, Vanek Logan and Leighton Nesbitt. Every member on the team contributed 100 per cent of their effort and we couldn't be more proud. They each came out as winners of the tournament in the A division and had to play each other for the finals. The finals consisted of a tie and left each team a winner for the Highland Storm. Awesome day, tykes!

Make sure to come out next Sunday, Feb. 5 for the tyke game in Haliburton at 10 a.m. Go, Storm, go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

Novies strong against Stars

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team rolled into Newcastle to take on the Stars in Game 3 of the playoffs. The Storm scored in the first minute of the first period, setting the tone for what was to come. By the end of the first period the Storm were on top 4-0 due to excellent passing, skating and offensive pressure. The Stars came back with two goals of their own in the second but the Storm answered with another of their own. The Storm played an excellent defensive third period with strong checking, solid positional play and superb goaltending sealing the deal and earning the Storm a 5-2 road victory. Way to go, team, on a great game!

On Sunday, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Newcastle Stars for Game 4 of playoff action at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre. The Storm were looking to end the series with a win on home ice. From the opening puck drop the Storm were relentless in their offensive pressure and attack, scoring first and often. Excellent defensive pressure minimized the scoring opportunities of the Stars and led to more turnovers for the Storm. The final

tally was 10-1 for the Storm, sending them on to round two of the playoffs. A strong offensive performance by McLean Rowden helped the Storm seal the deal. Way to go, Storm, on advancing to the next round. Another great team performance with all players contributing to the weekend success. The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team will face the Sturgeon Thunder in round two with dates and times to be announced.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Atoms advance in playoffs

On Jan. 27 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Durham Crusaders for the first playoff game. The first period was fast with both teams playing hard. The Crusaders scored the first goal halfway through the period but the Storm came back with Kadin Card scoring a goal at the front of the net and then he scored a stellar breakaway goal and the game was 2-1. The second period was quiet until with two minutes left Austin Boylan scored his first goal. The game was 3-1 going into the third. It started with a hat trick goal by Kadin Card, followed by a second goal by Austin Boylan. The Crusaders got their second goal right after. Next Logan Tripp took a slap shot and Aiden Perrott tipped it in for a goal. Next Austin Boylan scored two back to back making four goals for the game and the score is 8-2. But then things started to fall apart and the Crusaders scored four goals in four minutes and the score was 8-6. Aiden Perrott got an empty net goal and the final score was 9-6. Shout out to Taylor Consack on his excellent goaltending.

On Jan. 28 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Whitby for the second playoff game versus the Durham Crusaders. The first period started off slow but with 25 seconds left Austin Boylan scored the first goal of the game. The second period start with Aiden Perrott dangling the puck past the goalie making it a 2-0. Followed by a wrap around goal by Addison Carr. And with only one second left in the period Austin Boylan scored his second goal and the score was 4-0 going into the third. The third period started with Kadin Card making a pass up to Aiden Perrott while getting tripped by a Crusader player but before the refs could make the call Perrott scored his second goal and the score was 5-0. Halfway through Addison Carr scored his second goal of the game and then scored his hat trick goal with three minutes left and made the final score 7-0. Taylor Consack saved 27 shots on his first shutout of the season! Way to go, Taylor!

On Jan. 28 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Durham Crusaders for the third playoff game. This game was a nail biter. The Storm were the first to put a goal on the scoreboard this goal was scored by Kadin Card. But the Crusaders answered back and at the end of the first period the score was 1-1. The second period both teams did not let up. The Crusaders scored their second goal, followed by their third. However Storm wasn't giving up. Addison Carr scored his first goal followed by his second and the game was tied 3-3. By now everyone was on the edge of their seat, just waiting to see who was going to be the first to score. And that team would be The Crusaders, but the Highland Storm wanted the win. So with five minutes left Avery Degeer wound up and shot the puck from the blue line, and scored right top corner to tie the game and with only a minute left Addison Carr scored his hat trick goal to win the game and advance his team into the next round of playoffs. Way to go,

Aaron Neave, on a good game in net and Congratulations Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms on advancing into the next round.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midget girls first in eastern loop

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted the gritty Keene Wolverines Sunday afternoon in Bancroft to wrap up their last regular season game. The Jets had already secured first place in their eastern loop and a first round bye in their league playoffs but still wanted to finish with a strong performance. A slow start by both squads kept the game close, and scoreless until late in the first period when Sara Switzer broke the goose egg tie with a low shot and deflection past the Keene tender. The Wolverines battled back and capitalized on some sloppy defensive play by the Jets in the second period and netted two markers to take a 2-1 lead. Bancroft continued their pressure on the Wolverines in third, trying to find an answer to the Keene netminder. With just 0.1 seconds left on the clock, Danielle Sunstrum tied the game at 2-2 with a wrister that snuck through the Keene defence and past the Keene goalie. The tie gave the Jets a regular season record of 15-2-5, first place in their eastern loop and a first round bye in their league playoffs. The Jets will play the winner between Keene and Ennismore in their second round of league playoffs starting sometime after Feb. 19. Bancroft is also working on finalizing their provincial playdown schedule against Cold Creek, Ennismore and West Northumberland. Good luck, Jets, in your second half of the season.

And a special good-bye to Ashley Chalinor as she embarks on a student exchange to Spain. We wish you a wonderful experience! Send postcards and follow us online.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Pee wee girls undefeated

Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers pee wee girls finish the regular season undefeated with a 4-0 win over the Ennismore Eagles on Saturday. Having watched Ennismore greatly improve over their season the Jets had to be in game mode from the start. With three minutes left in the first period Elyse Ives opened the scoring for the Jets with a quick shot, assisted by Avery

Coens. Before the period ended Olivia Villamere gave the Jets a two-goal lead going in to the second, assisted by Trista Young and Emily Alexander. With lots of pressure in the Eagles end the Jets kept coming hard and were not willing to let up. Peyton Armstrong scored a pair of goals to put the Jets up 4-0 going into the third, assists going to Coens, Ives and Alexander. Ennismore pressured back but Bella Smolen turned away their shots to secure herself the shut-out for the last regular season game. The Jets get a bye for first round of playoffs and will await the winner of Cold Creek vs Lindsay but they will start their playdown games at home on Saturday Feb. 4 in Haliburton at 1 p.m. Come cheer the girls on as they drive for a berth in provincials.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Midget A boys had strong season

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Storm midget A team played Game 3 of the first round of playoffs in Parry Sound Saturday, Jan. 28. This was a do-or-die game for the Storm and they played exactly like it was, but Parry Sound sealed the series with a 3-1 win.

The game began fast-paced and action-packed. The Storm team worked extremely hard offering some entertaining back-and-forth hockey. Luck just wasn't on their side and they gave up three goals, one in each period and all while killing off a penalty. The Storm team did everything they could to score and never gave up hope. Their efforts were clear, as they kept pushing. With nine seconds left in the game and series, Andrew Hall brought the puck into the Shamrocks' end and passed it to Owen Patterson-Smith. He moved in and went behind the net to attempt a wrap around, shot after shot, Matt Manning finally got it in with nine seconds left in the game. It was a respectable end to the series, with the Storm losing 3-1. A huge thanks to all the players for a great year, for some boys, it was their last year playing for Highland Storm. Thanks to the bench staff for all their time and effort, coach James Reilly, assistant coach Jamie Dollo, trainer Greg Turner, assistant trainer Monte Miscio, and manager Shannon Walker. Last, thanks to the parents for their time and dedication to the game of hockey and to their kids.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



Jackrabbits get hopping

Volunteer Sonya Flatman, in black, leads her group of cross-country skiers during instruction for the Jackrabbit Program (six to 9 years) on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. This instructional offering, which is a Cross Country Canada's Skill Development Program for children aged from four to 12, is part of The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association's Haliburton Ski Club Youth Programs that run from January until February. The other programs offered are the Bunny Rabbit Program, the FUNdamentals and Learning to Train./DARREN LUM Staff

arts

Razzamataz needs public's help to continue

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The public's help is needed or there won't be a Razzamataz Kids' Shows! say volunteers behind the theatrical series for all ages staged during the academic year for the past 30 years.

The volunteers of the locally based group say providing affordable entertainment four times a year teaches about arts and culture and inspiring the next generation.

Although they are appreciative of their current sponsors and volunteers, they are asking for additional sponsors, in-kind donations (services, raffle prizes, reduced accommodation rates, venue provision) and new volunteers to help keep Razzamataz going.

Razzamataz chairperson Dawn Hurd hopes this series sees another year, but wants the public to know the realities of ever-increasing booking fees for performers and the unpredictable nature of grant money.

"We do get grant money. We apply for two grants, but we also need local sponsors to help us or we're not going to be able to continue. Shows are getting more expensive," Hurd said.

Volunteers have discussed reducing the shows to three a year or raising admission.

However, Hurd doesn't want to raise ticket prices, recognizing the economic reality of the county.

"I want families that would never have the opportunity to drive to Toronto to come to a show. I like new faces," she said. "I want new [people] to come and feel OK and comfortable."

The arts has always been instrumental in opening eyes and providing insight into other worlds.

This is the root motivation for the volunteers who give their time and effort towards Razzamataz Kids' Shows!

Everyone is welcome, Hurd said. Even for children who have behavioural difficulties or have special needs the atmosphere is inclusive and accommodating to parents and guardians to leave if required and return.

Hurd's children are seven and four. Her eldest, who has been coming since she was a baby, loves the stage, which Hurd said is owed to Razzamataz.

"That's one thing she learnt from watching is [a desire for] being on stage, theatre. She likes dance and likes that kind of art," she said. "It's a great opportunity for families. It's a Sunday out. It's enjoyable."

There is an added benefit for the children who come to these shows, as they learn about social graces of the theatre and how to focus their attention on a performance and be respectful to other audience members.

Hurd appreciates how her children not only love to talk about what they have seen, but feel inspired.

Several days after the *Professor Wick's Incredible Magic Factory* on Jan. 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, her children continued to perform the magic tricks like they saw on the stage.

Isabel Buttler, the secretary responsible for programming and writing proposals, has volunteered for Razzamataz for five years.

The mother of two young children puts in the work for them.

"I see it in my children. They love it so much and the theatre they have seen through Razzamataz influences. They talk about it for years after they saw a show. It really inspires them," she said.

Buttler says her youngest was thoroughly engaged even as a baby.

Booking fees for performers have risen. In 2004-2005 the Razzamataz artists' fees were \$5,700 and in 2014-2015 they were \$9,500. The total budget in 2008-2009 was \$9,500 and in 2014-2015 it was \$22,000. Last year the average cost to bring a show was \$3,600.

She works with 12 other entertainment presenting groups all over northern Ontario known as the Northern Block Booking Group. This collective gives the local Razzamataz group a better chance to draw high calibre performers at reduced rates. Some performers from farther away are given greater incentive to come here because of the touring option. She makes great efforts to bring a variety of shows, which cover a swath of theatre genres.



Magician Professor Wick moves a ring around Sadie Kelly during the levitation illusion at *Professor Wick's Incredible Magic Factory* on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This is part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series. The next performance is *Saraka*, which combines contemporary dance with African and Caribbean music, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. For more information for this Dance Happens Here sponsored show and future performances see www.razzamataz.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Without Razzamataz, Buttler said, she would have to consider taking her children to major centres such as Ottawa, Toronto and Barrie. The added cost with having to travel would be a challenge and outright prohibitive to some.

She still treasures the few times she was treated with an opportunity to see a live performance such as a puppet show when growing up in Germany.

Money from Ontario Presents, a provincewide network of performing arts touring and presenting organizations, has supplemented the budget for Razzamataz. Ontario Presents gives opportunities for Razzamataz volunteers to attend conferences and see performers live to gauge if they will be suitable for the Highlands audience.

This relationship started close to five years ago, but Buttler said funding for this is likely to be reduced warranting the need for additional sponsors.

On more than one occasion, Razzamataz has booked acts before their popularity demanded rates much too high to afford, Buttler said. One example is Razzamataz's April 9 performers Terzetto, who are scheduled to appear at the International Performing Arts for Youth (IPAY).

She said whenever performers are chosen for IPAY their rates often go up after, so the timing is impeccable.

Over the last two years Razzamataz has been offering workshops, which have been well-received by the public. This has included a workshop on dance and, most recently, magic.

It engages the children with performers, gives them something to do and helps with funding.

"We live in a rural area ... it's nice to bring something different," Hurd said.

A resident of Haliburton County for the past 12 years, Jenn Kelly believes Razzamataz exposes children to theatre who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity.

"I think it opens up a whole other world that they wouldn't see or know about ... this is another thing out there and maybe they'll find their calling. You never know," she said.

The volunteer treasurer joined because she wanted to give back. As an accountant, she jumped at the chance to volunteer when she saw the Razzamataz advertisement for a bookkeeper.

"I thought this was a great opportunity to use my skills and to give back to the community," she said.

Although the non-profit is partly funded by grants from the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Arts Council, the series has and is supported locally.

Among the sponsors, its gold sponsors are the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Rotary International and Dance Happens Here Haliburton. Mabel's Labels contributes a percentage of its sales to the series. See www.mabelsfundraising.com.

Individual show tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and free for children under two. Tickets can be purchased online at www.razzamataz.ca/tickets. The website also outlines the specific positions available. For more information and to volunteer, contact Dawn Hurd at 705-854-0728 or email info@razzamataz.ca.

All shows are staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

The next scheduled performance is *Saraka* – African and Caribbean music with contemporary dance. On Feb. 26, performers from the Ballet Creole, who are represented by the charitable organization Prologue to the Performing Arts and based in Ontario, will stage a dynamic performance of dance and music thanks to the sponsorship of Dance Happens Here Haliburton.

Hurd said Razzamataz opens a window of possibilities to children.

"It also teaches the kids there's other things [than sports, but] ... there is theatre and it can be fun and engaging. Then you can one day ... be someone who sings or dances," she said.



Hot music at Pavilion

Top: all the performers for Homemade Stew perform Bob Dylan's "You Ain't Goin' Nowhere" during the grand finale of the concert held on Jan. 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The concert featured a variety of musical genres and performers and was sold out.

Right: country music star Johnny Burke sings "Honeymoon" at the fourth annual Homemade Stew concert on Jan. 28. Burke and many other local musicians sang to a sold out audience.

Above: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Gabe Petric performs two classical selections on the piano at Homemade Stew on Jan. 28. A Royal Conservatory trained pianist, Petric played a Beethoven piece and a prelude by Rachmaninoff. Photos by ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Oh Canada opens at Rails End Gallery

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

There is a certain patriotic panache to the latest exhibition at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery.

Oh Canada, this year's members' exhibition, is a colourful ode to the country's sesquicentennial anniversary in media from painting to pottery to photography.

Community members packed the gallery for an opening reception Jan. 21.

"I can't thank you enough for what

you contribute to the community," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

The event was also a celebration of renovations to the gallery's kitchen and storage area, which were completed thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey recalled the initial renovation of the building from a railway station to an art gallery in 1978.

"Ever since that time, there's been nothing but progress here," Fearrey said.

Oh Canada shows until March 19.

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- 1. Part of a can
 - 4. A form of discrimination
 - 10. Doctors' group
 - 11. Expression of joy
 - 12. Spanish "be"
 - 14. A mongrel
 - 15. Helen was from here
 - 16. With many branches
 - 18. Fussy
 - 22. Male fertilizing organ of a flower
 - 23. Trap
 - 24. Long, angry speeches
 - 26. For instance
 - 27. Sticky, waterlogged soil
 - 28. Fasten
 - 30. Card game
 - 31. Seaport (abbr.)
 - 34. Dresses worn in S. Asia
 - 36. Midway between south and southeast
 - 37. Of the mouth
 - 39. Capital of Yemen
 - 40. Branches of a bone
 - 41. Very much
 - 42. TV host Leeza
 - 48. A way to change integrity
 - 50. Plants with dark green, glossy leaves
 - 51. Seedless raisin
 - 52. Agency
 - 53. Wear this when eating ribs
 - 54. Martial artists wear this
 - 55. Peanut butter
 - 56. Drinkers sit on these
 - 58. Pie __ mode
 - 59. Hebraic
 - 60. River in India

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. City in Washington
 - 2. Entertained
 - 3. Nakedness
 - 4. Exclamation of surprise
 - 5. Instinct
 - 6. Making a mistake
 - 7. "Borgias" actor Jeremy
 - 8. Phrases
 - 9. Millihenry
 - 12. Long ago
 - 13. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 17. Disfigure
 - 19. Horseshoe extension
 - 20. Regions
 - 21. Philippine Island
 - 25. Appropriate for a particular time
 - 29. Small constellation in the Milky Way
 - 31. Categorizes
 - 32. Malaysian boat
 - 33. Natives of Sri Lanka
 - 35. Type of vessel
 - 38. Prescribe
 - 41. Ranking
 - 43. Knickknack
 - 44. Funeral
 - 45. Mineral can be extracted from this
 - 46. Tide
 - 47. Lump in yarn
 - 49. Food on a skewer
 - 56. Letter in the Albanian alphabet
 - 57. Midway between south and west

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From left, Jack Brezina of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones, gallery board president Susanne James, Dysart et al Councillor Susan Norcross and HKLB MPP Laurie Scott cut a ribbon to unveil upgrades to the kitchen at the gallery during a Jan. 21 reception.



A brass quintet played the national anthem, along with some other tunes, at an opening reception for *Oh Canada* at the Rails End Gallery. The members' exhibition is on display until March 19.



Jack Brezina of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and HKLB MPP Laurie Scott speak the opening reception of *Oh Canada* at the Rails End Gallery Jan. 21. The gallery received a Trillium grant for upgrades to its kitchen and storage area, which were revealed during Saturday's reception.



There is no shortage of colour at *Oh Canada*, this year's member exhibition at Haliburton Rails End Gallery. An opening reception for the show, which honours the country's sesquicentennial anniversary, was held earlier this month.

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FUN FAREWELL: Alyssa Hobden, Katelyn Espie, Amber Cooper and Janice Kiteley enjoy their last day on the play-

ground equipment at Victoria Street School. While students say they'll miss some things about their old school, they already love their new playground at Stuart Baker School.

Victoria Street School closes

■ *Students, teachers excited about move to brand new facility*

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

As teachers and parent volunteers packed up boxes all around her Friday afternoon on the last day of classes at Victoria Street School, seven-year-old Ainsley Munroe was "sort of half happy and sort of half sad at the same time" to be saying goodbye to her school.

"My middle name is Victoria so I'm really attached to this school," said the Grade 2 student. "I felt like I was part of its family ... so once I heard about the big move I was really upset."

But, like other students and teachers with mixed emotions, Ainsley was eagerly waiting for the arrival of Monday morning and the first day of classes in brand new Stuart Baker School.

"It's amazing, absolutely amazing. We're in here and it's great," principal Debbie Wales said just a couple hours after the morning bell rang at the school for the first time.

There were just two days to make the move across town from 75-year-old Victoria Street School to the new primary school.

Professional movers arrived at VSS Friday afternoon about 4

p.m. after the entire school gathered in a circle in the yard to sing the Victoria Street Song one last time.

The movers were helped throughout the weekend by a small army of teachers and staff from VSS, school council members, parents, teachers from other county schools and volunteers who just wanted to help.

"Friday night I was sure we wouldn't be able to get it all done, but here we are and it's like the first day of school in September," said Wales.

All of the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 students at VSS had a chance to tour their new school

for the first time Friday.

Ainsley and a couple of her classmates said they felt very special to be the first group of students who would go to the school.

"I want to be the first Grade 2s to be there," said Nathan Woodcock. "It's really big. There's like 100 classrooms there."

Well, not quite, but there are definitely more than there were at the old school.

Steven Jacobs couldn't wait to use the library at Stuart Baker School.

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Our family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and excellent care our mother, Dorothy McElwain, received at home and during her recent hospitalization in the Haliburton Hospital Palliative Care Unit.

Of course we are very saddened by her death but we are comforted in knowing she received the best care available.

The sensitivity and support of the home caregivers and the hospital staff helped us through our difficult times.

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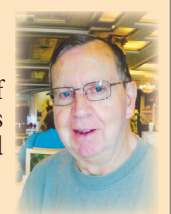
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Hugh Vasey



We are sad to announce the passing of Hugh Vasey on January 28, 2017 in his eighty-first year, after being hospitalized for a brief illness.

He was a tender and loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend to all those he met. After graduating from Ryerson, Hugh enjoyed a long career with BA/Gulf Canada. He was also active in the Lions Club, Probus, Cookville United Church and thoroughbred racing with his brother Gary. Amongst a wide list of sports he happily played, coached and followed, curling and the Toronto Blue Jays were his favourites.

He leaves behind his wife Beverly, daughters Kitty and Colleen, grandchildren James, Matthew, Christian and Clare and son-in-laws Jeff and Michael. He is predeceased by his parents Mark and Carrie and brother Gary. He will be sadly missed by his brother Glen.

Friends may call the Turner & Porter, Peel Chapel (2180 Hurontario St.), Mississauga, on Wednesday from 6-9 pm. A funeral service will be held at Cookville United Church (2500 Mimosa Row), Mississauga, on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to Parkinson Canada (www.parkinson.ca) in his memory. Hugh was a good man who enjoyed life's simple pleasures. Condolences can be made through www.turnerporter.ca

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
Mae Muriel Francis (nee Cowen)
(Resident of Donald)
Entered into rest peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, in her 97th year.

Beloved wife of the late Allan Francis (2008). Dear aunt of Paul and Lisa, Linda, Brenda and the late Bill. Predeceased by her parents Bill and Olive Cowen and also by her brothers Eldon, Bruce, Christie and Walter. Survived by her sister-in-law Doreen Cowen, Molly Cowen, Anna Barry and Myrtle Walker. Fondly remembered by the Cowen and Francis relatives.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Mae's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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650 OBITUARIES

GRAESSER, Richard Eric Peter Maddock

At Peterborough Regional Health Center, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the age of 74.

Beloved husband and friend for 54 years of Carolynne (nee Berry). Cherished father of Cynthia "Tammy" (Bob) Pepper, Angela Fisher, and Richard "Rick" (Vicky). Predeceased by daughter Lisa. Much loved grandfather of Sarah, Heather, Conor, Kaitlynn, and Racheal, he will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Son of late Frederick and Nora (nee Millen) Graesser. Brother of Mary Beattie, and the late Margaret Roberts. Richard's vast interest, curiosity and passion for life will be remembered by the numerous people whose lives he touched. Friends may call at the Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W. at Burnhamthorpe Rd. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 7 - 9 p.m. and Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at 1 p.m. on Thursday February 2, 2017. Interment immediately following service at Park Lawn Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be held in Haliburton at a later date. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Hospital). Online condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

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